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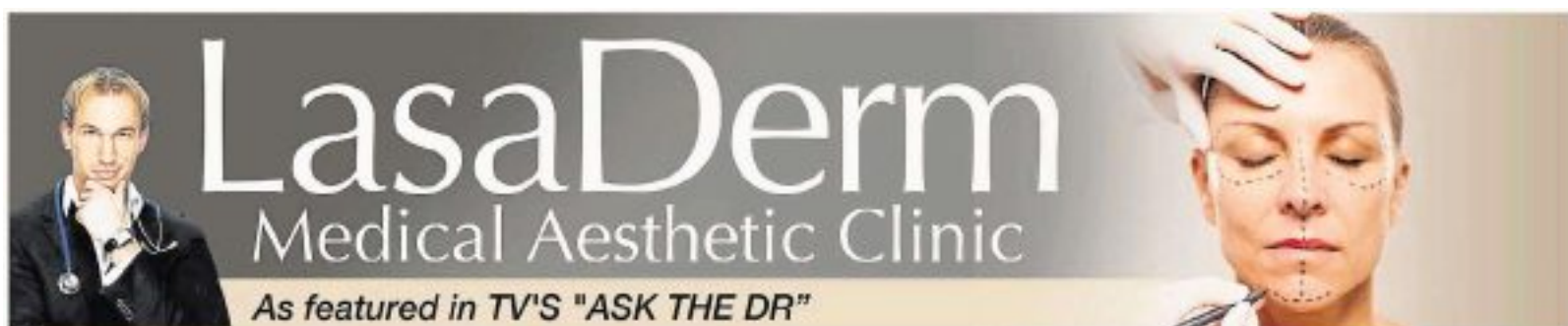
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Owner's thanks for Eric appeal



Happier times: Janet Perkin with Eric, right, and her other dog Izzy, holidaying on the canals in Oxford

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A BROKEN-HEARTED dog owner has thanked the local community for their help in the six-day search for her working cocker spaniel, who was sadly found dead on Saturday.

Mum-of-four Janet Perkin, from Two Mile Ash, saw thousands of people share her social media posts and dozens turn out to help her search for five-year-old Eric.

A drone was even used to look for him, after he went missing at Caldecotte Lake on Easter Sunday.

But sadly he was found laying peacefully by the Open University on Saturday.

Tearful Janet said she was 'overwhelmed by the massive response' to

her plea for help.

She said: "I just want to say a huge thank you to everybody who helped.

"I've been flicking through all of the kind messages and it has just been completely overwhelming. It was absolutely phenomenal.

"I even had people from America and Ireland offering their condolences."

There had been several possible sightings of Eric, including one in Newton Longville and another in Wolverton.

The sightings and setting up of search parties were all shared on a Facebook page set up by Janet's friend Lizzie Goulding on behalf of everyone searching for Eric.

The page had more than 1,300 likes and Janet wanted to particularly thank Lizzie for all of the help she gave her

during the difficult time.

"She's been an absolute rock and I'd like to give her a massive thank you on behalf of all of the family.

"She set up the Facebook page and was organising the searches. She even helped bring the drone along to search for Eric."

Groups of up to 20 people turned up to search for Eric on several occasions and since his death there have been numerous messages of support on social media.

Janet had offered a £1,000 reward for any information leading to Eric being found, but the people who discovered him have turned the money down.

She now plans on giving the reward to Appledown Rescue and Rehoming Kennels in Dunstable, where she originally got Eric from.

Last orders as pub calls time

LACK of investment in the Theatre District is one of the reasons one of its pubs has been forced to close, according to its manager.

The David Garrick, which is owned by national chain J D Wetherspoon, will close its doors on Sunday, leaving three of the chain's outlets in Milton Keynes. It is also due to open another pub in Newport Pagnell.

All of the staff will be relocated to other pubs, meaning there will not be any redundancies.

A decline in trade has been cited as the reason for the pub's closure and 'empty promises' of investment in the Theatre District have reportedly contributed.

Paul Doncaster, the pub's manager, said: "When the rent keeps going up and up and competition increases it becomes difficult.

"The promises of an investment in the area were empty."

Mr Doncaster hopes the pub's last Friday and Saturday nights - which are regularly 'club nights' - will allow them to go out with a bang.

"It's very sad for the area but hopefully it will help some of our other outlets be more profitable," he said.

"It's nothing anybody has done here or anything, it just comes down to balancing the books and being financially viable."

J D Wetherspoon explained the reasoning behind the decision. A spokesman told OneMK: "We appreciate that the pub's loyal supporters will be surprised and disappointed with the decision to close the pub.

"However, Wetherspoon has to make commercial decisions that are right for the company and that is the reason for the pub closure."

OneMK has approached the Theatre District for a comment but is waiting for a reply.

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OneMK staff recognised in company awards

THE team at OneMK has been recognised at The Central and East Excellence Awards 2016.

As well as being shortlisted for Team of the Year at the annual company event,

photographer Andy Handley and reporter Jessica Duncan walked away with awards.

Andy, from Two Mile Ash, won Photographer of the Year, while Jessica, from Newport Pagnell, received Journalist of the Year.

The pair said: "It really is an honour to be recognised in such a way and makes all our hard work and dedication to providing information on everything Milton Keynes 24/7 worth it."

All you knead ahead of vote

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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AHEAD of the local elections on May 5, younger voters will have the opportunity to question politicians from the major parties – while tucking in to a slice of pizza.

OneMK has launched a free Pizza and Politics night, which will take place between 6pm and 8pm on Wednesday, April 27 at Electric Social, in partnership with the Milton Keynes YMCA.

The evening will be similar to a hustings – with those attending given the chance to ask politicians questions and find out about their policies.

Leader of MK Labour and Milton Keynes Council, Cllr Pete Marland, will be attending, alongside Cllr Edith Bald from the Conservative Party, Cllr Ric Brackenbury from the Liberal

Democrats and representatives from both the Green Party and UKIP.

Speaking about the event, OneMK editor Cally Jenkins said: "We're really excited about the Pizza and Politics night and hope it will give younger voters the chance to become more involved in local issues and find out more about the parties first hand."

Shiny Hussain, fundraising, events and residents' activities manager at Milton Keynes YMCA, said: "It's a great idea to encourage young people to take an interest and get engaged in politics because anything to do with politics is to do with their future."



Plans for new schools criticised

PROPOSALS for two new schools that would provide places for more than 1,000 pupils have been labelled as 'ludicrous'.

The applications for a secondary and primary school in Kents Hill are due to be discussed by members of Milton Keynes Council's development control committee tomorrow.

But Councillor Andrew Buckley, who represents the Monkston ward that covers Kents Hill and sits on the committee, has criticised the plans and will be speaking against them at the meeting at the Civic Offices from 7pm.

He told OneMK: "The secondary school is likely to serve children

from out of the local area, many of whom are from the other side of Milton Keynes.

"It is ludicrous to deliberately build a school that is geographically remote from the community that it is designed to serve."

Find out the council's decision on our website – onemk.co.uk

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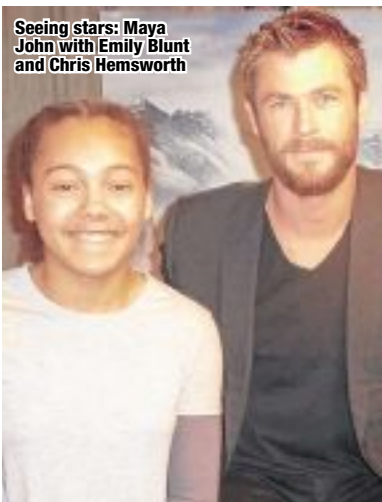


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Seeing stars: Maya John with Emily Blunt and Chris Hemsworth



Schoolgirl interviews Hollywood stars

A TEENAGE student got the cinematic experience of a lifetime when she interviewed the stars of new film *The Huntsman: Winter's War*.

Maya John, a 14-year-old pupil at Thornton College, got a private screening of the film in London followed by the chance to interview

cast members Chris Hemsworth, Emily Blunt, Rob Brydon, Nick Frost and Alexandra Roach.

She did the interview for Into Film – an organisation supported by the British Film Institute through Lottery funding.

Maya was invited to take part in the special

assignment as part of her role on the Into Film Young Reporter Programme.

Maya said: "I had a good laugh with Emily Blunt, she definitely thought about all of my questions and gave a straight answer. It was more like a conversation than an interview and I liked that."

Waterpark page causes big wave

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A SOCIAL media page about a waterpark coming to the city is believed to be a scam to get residents' personal details.

The Facebook page claims the outdoor waterpark, featuring slides and roller coasters, will be set up in the city on Monday, July 18.

The event, hosted by Safari WaterPark Tour UK, has attracted huge interest from residents. According to the page, more than 3,000 people are going to be attending the event and 15,000 have shared

the details.

Many residents have been calling for a waterpark or outdoor pool in MK since plans for one at The National Bowl collapsed last year.

Similar to the Total Wipeout tours shared on Facebook, it is believed the waterpark event is a fake in a bid to harvest people's personal details.

The Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) said it can't say categorically the event is not legitimate, but believes it may be 'a classic marketing tool to harvest people's data'. It is advising people to not 'like' the page.

Sylvia Rook, lead officer for fair trading, said: "They're advertising events in 30 cities around the country on almost consecutive days – can you imagine being able to take down a waterpark overnight and move it to a different part of the country?"

The page includes a photo of a waterpark in America and does not include a phone number, email address, company name, postal address or any other details that could identify the people behind it.

OneMK has attempted to contact the organisers.

Couriers jailed for £40k scam

TWO city couriers have been jailed for conspiracy to steal from their employer.

Francis Muturi, 33, of Palace Square, Leadenhall, and Munyaradzi Reuben, 38, of Matthau Lane, Oxley Park, were sentenced to 90 days and 75 days imprisonment respectively at Aylesbury Crown Court on Thursday.

The drivers were both charged with one count of conspiracy to steal from their employer – UK Mail in Brinklow – on November 11 last year, with the company losing more than £40,000.

They intercepted parcels, stole phones and then passed them to an unknown person in exchange for payment.

Do you know men in CCTV?

POLICE have released a CCTV image of two men they would like to speak to in connection with a robbery.

The incident took place in Larwood Place, Oldbrook, at 5.30pm on March 21.

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Oldbrook attack

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Book shop reopened

WILLEN Hospice's bookshop in Stony Stratford was reopened on Friday, after facing closure earlier in the year.

Suspected arson

FIREFIGHTERS were called at 4.04am yesterday to a van on fire at The National Bowl. Anyone with information should call police on 101.

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Housing is a human right

THE tragedy of the deaths of two homeless men needs addressing urgently.

The many charities/agencies that help the homeless have contributed to and accepted the council's report on homelessness.

The immediate issue is how to stop any more deaths.

A building for use as a hostel with built-in amenities, such as The (disused) Buszy, would be ideal and close to the railway station, where a number of homeless congregate.

Medical care would need to be made available and the many charities would be able to assist and realise the main aim of the council's report; the question of co-ordinating all the essential work that they do.

Of course, that people are without a home is not an accident. The root of the problem is a growing lack of affordable housing.

We are in danger of losing the remainder of social housing in Britain. The Government's Housing and Planning Bill includes measures to extend right to buy to housing association tenants, introduce 'pay to stay' charges for tenants in council houses earning more than £30,000 per household a year, or £40,000 in London, and the forced sale of high value vacant local authority properties.

I'm sure many of your readers will recognise that homelessness can happen due to personal crises; loss of employment; mental breakdown; relationship problems etc.

To maintain affordable housing, whether to rent or buy, has to be seen as a basic human right.

John Pinkerton
Stantonbury Fields

Refurb a waste of cash

I HAVE read your article regarding the proposed refurbishment of Milton Keynes Council's Civic Offices in last week's edition of your newspaper.

Whether or not it will cost £6million or £10million is not relevant, simply because it's a waste of taxpayers' money.

And, not so long ago, the leaders of the three main political parties in Milton Keynes signed a joint letter published in your newspaper agreeing to the potential

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This week's photograph was taken in Stony Stratford by Barbara Dale

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demolishment of some existing estates in the city to build more properties that are likely to be smaller. Why?

I wonder, considering these crumbling estates, why money is not being spent on much-needed repairs of homes people want to live in. Instead the health and welfare of a few hundred civil servants is taking preference over these residents.

What happens when, down the line, these so-called leaders realise they now need more space and then go back to renting properties? And what happens when these properties need to be brought up to the standards they require?

R E Lee
Conniburrow

Has dogs had its day?

ACCORDING to its own Facebook page, Towcester Racecourse recently enjoyed a 'fantastic' turnout at its Greyhound Racing Fixture and Easter Sunday Family Fun Day event.

What a pity that the cruelty of this so called sport is not more widely appreciated.

The natural speed and grace of the greyhound has been exploited

for human benefit since the days of the ancient Egyptians.

These beautiful dogs have been used for centuries in hunting and coursing events, but the advent of modern dog racing at the turn of the 20th century prompted greyhound breeders and racetrack proprietors alike to begin to think of this breed as a mere commodity.

Regrettably, greyhound racing continues to be a big (but thankfully declining) business.

While I am sure that many responsible breeders and proprietors exist, the hidden side of greyhound racing includes lonely kennels, painful injuries and often neglect.

Thousands of surplus dogs die or disappear every year, yet no laws require the industry to publish these figures.

According to the League of Cruel Sports at least 10,000 dogs are deemed surplus to requirements every year. Eight thousand are retired racers, the rest are young dogs that didn't make the grade.

Isn't it time that this cruel sport was now consigned to the history books?

Jonathan Haskins
Arkwright Mews, Oakridge Park



Your messages about the closure of Orchard House on our Facebook page /OneMKNews

Cheryl R Brooks: I'm sure the staff are great but the rooms are grim! They have a very small WC with sink and you eat, sleep and live in the same room.

Jacqueline Rattenbury: My mum went there for some respite care and the room she was in was like a prison cell. I bought her back home after three days, in fact I wouldn't put a

dog in there.

Sara Agintas: Oh no that's a shame, it's a lovely place. My nan was there for many years and I always used to go and have a sing song with the old folks.

Gill Mcsorley: They are shutting too many care homes for the elderly. What happens to these old people that need it, especially when their families

are unable to look after them?

Fiona Hindle: Sad, yet another desperately needed place of care gone. Be great if they knocked it down and built a lovely new facility.

Shireen Hall: It's a shame it has to go but it is shabby and wasn't the best of buildings in the first place.

For more on the closure of the sheltered housing, turn to page 15.



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Hunt begins for haunted houses



Ghostly goings-on: Claire Evans and Jennie Grayson will be carrying out paranormal investigations

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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A MUM-OF-TWO and full-time medium has asked for residents to suggest local spots where there might be a lot of paranormal activity.

Claire Evans, 40, from Broughton Gate, who runs Guided By Light with fellow medium Jennie Grayson, is looking to launch a ghost tour in Wolverton later in the year.

She is looking for suitable places in the area for the event and thinks there are a lot of ghostly goings-on in MK.

She has already done a ghost tour in Stony Stratford and hopes to also do one in

Newport Pagnell next year.

Claire said: "We have investigated quite a few places in Wolverton already, we want to do a ghost tour there later this year – it's full of activity."

"There are actually quite a lot of houses with activities in Wolverton and I want to understand why – has something happened on a certain street?"

Claire, who went into business with friend Jennie in January 2015, has been seeing spirits for as long as she can remember and thinks the paranormal presence in Milton Keynes is unique.

"The difference between Milton Keynes and places

further afield is that these places have high activity outside," she said.

"But in Milton Keynes things have been more inside. A lot of pubs in MK tend to be more active than in other areas."

Claire uses a lot of equipment to uncover paranormal activity, but feels you need to be open to finding it.

She explained: "We have a digital sound recorder and you ask questions and get answers from spirits. I've heard things like growls and other responses before."

"We have to be open to it to allow the energies to come forward. Sceptics tend to be very closed in their energy."

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One Stop arrests

THREE men were arrested on suspicion of burglary after a break-in at the One Stop shop in Giffard Park on Thursday at around 5am. The men, aged 23, 24 and 33, have been released on police bail while the investigation continues. Anyone with information can call police on 101.

Training police dogs

POLICE are looking for local residents to become puppy socialisers and live with them until they are 12 months old. See onemk.co.uk for more details.

Beacon for Queen

THE Queen's 90th birthday celebrations on April 21 will see MK take part in an international beacon-lighting ceremony. Event details at onemk.co.uk

Driver denies charge following child death

A DRIVER has pleaded not guilty to causing death by careless driving after a five-year-old boy died.

As previously reported by this paper, Riley Ferguson was struck by a Vauxhall Insignia while playing on a driveway in Woodspring Court, Monkston, on June 7, 2015 and died four

days later as a result of his injuries at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

David Cowell, 41, of Deacon Crescent, Middleton, denied the charge at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court yesterday and is now due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on May 9.

Sex offender is convicted

A RAPIST has been convicted of historic child sex offences for crimes committed nearly 20 years ago.

Michael Duncan, formerly Michael McGowan, 33, of The Crescent, Bletchley, was convicted on Monday of the rape of a seven-year-old girl and indecent assault against

an eight-year-old girl following a week-long trial at Aylesbury Crown Court.

The rape took place between December 1996 and December 1997 and the indecent assault took place between April and November 1996.

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£25k damage by shop ram raiders



Ram raid: Ali Reyahi outside the store, the front of which was pushed two-and-a-half metres back

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THOUSANDS of pounds worth of damage was caused when ram raiders targeted a second hand goods store.

The offenders attempted to smash their way into the CEX store in the Brunel Shopping Centre in Bletchley using a vehicle in the early hours of the morning.

The front window didn't break but was pushed back, damaging stock, including mobile phones, tablets and cameras, which had been on display.

Franchisee owner Ali Reyahi said: "They didn't manage to

get in and instead pushed the whole shop at least two-and-a-half metres back, destroying a lot of the stock and the shutter.

"They have caused at least £25,000 worth of damage for nothing and it has taken more than two weeks to be repaired, affecting my business and my nine members of staff."

After being up for more than 12 hours following the incident, Ali's line manager told him he should put up a sign to tell customers the shop would be closed until further notice.

But instead he put up a poster claiming the store was closed after Superman and Batman got into a fight, in

light of the recent movie.

The 35-year-old added: "I didn't want to give these guys the satisfaction."

"Generally at CEX we are kind of loopy anyway and it just came to mind."

Mr Reyahi hopes he can reopen next Wednesday.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the incident, which took place at 3.58am on Thursday, March 24.

Aspokesman said: "Offenders drove a vehicle into the shutters of CEX Bletchley. They failed to gain entry and nothing was stolen."

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Rally on education

TOMORROW the National Union of Teachers will join health professionals at a rally for health and education. The event, organised by campaign group MK People's Assembly, will be at Stantonbury Theatre from 7.30pm.

MK Midnight Moo

WALKERS in the MK Midnight Moo 2016 in aid of Willen Hospice can now get their very own training pack. The fundraiser, supported by OneMK, will be on Saturday, July 16. Find out how you can prepare for the 10-mile redway walk at onemk.co.uk

Geordie Shore star

CHARLOTTE Crosby will be at Waterstones in intu Milton Keynes on Saturday, April 23 from 2pm to sign her new book Live Fast Loose Weight.

Roof fund appeal for mother with cancer

FRIENDS of a carer and mum-of-four who is battling breast cancer for the second time in 12 months have set up a JustGiving page to help fix her leaking roof, which is affecting her asthmatic son.

Dawn Kitchener, 44, from Newport Pagnell, was first diagnosed in January 2015

with stage three inflammatory breast cancer and has undergone chemotherapy and a double mastectomy.

Kelly Leigh set up a JustGiving page to raise money to replace Dawn's roof and so far they have raised £890 of the £3,000 target. Read more and donate via onemk.co.uk

Attempted dog poisoning

POLICE have launched an investigation over the alleged poisoning of a dog.

The pet survived following the incident in Crownhill last Tuesday at 6.30am.

Officers are reminding residents that pets are considered property Under the Protection of Animals Act 1911

and any attempt to injure or cause the death of them through pesticide poisoning can be considered as criminal damage.

If you have any information regarding the incident you can call police on 101, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 111 555.

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Grave concerns over burial cost

BY SCOTT KIRK

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MILTON Keynes Council has been accused of 'taking the mickey' by a funeral service company after burial and cremation charges increased on Monday for the third time in 12 months.

Gordon Goodwin, director of Churchills Funeral Services in New Bradwell, says overall council charges for a typical burial under the new scheme have gone up from £2,500 to £4,000 since April 2015.

The average cost of a cremation has increased from £687.50 to £910 in the same period.

He claims the council is taking advantage of the bereaved to balance its books.

"I think it will find it hard to claim that it is a caring council," said Mr Goodwin.

"It is our view there is no justification for the size of these increases and that the council, being restricted by central government on what it can and cannot increase, is attempting to balance its books at the expense of the bereaved.



"I think it will find it hard to claim that it is a caring council."
Gordon Goodwin
Director of Churchills
Funeral Services

"People have to be disposed of somewhere and there is no other choice – it's burial or cremation – and they are getting so expensive in Milton Keynes."

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said: "Decisions such as this are never easy."

"Cremation and burial costs are often only a relatively small part of an overall funeral cost and for some time we have been moving our fees and charges in line with other local authorities and the private sector."

"We understand that this is a very sensitive subject, often at a difficult time for families and loved ones, so

we need to ensure our service in this area meets their expectations.

"The council faces unprecedented financial challenges and ensuring our services are viable is important, but getting the balance right on our fees and charges is important and that is why we excluded increased fees for children."

Mr Goodwin added he felt the council was only aligning its policy with the most expensive areas around Milton Keynes, with burial and cremation charges in areas such as Watford and Luton about £200 cheaper.

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Sue's Enigma code proposal

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A COMPUTER scientist who campaigned to save Bletchley Park is getting married – after her fiancé proposed using the Enigma code.

Dr Sue Black's partner, Dr Paul Boca, asked her to marry him by entering a coded version of his proposal into an online Enigma simulator.

The 53-year-old said: "I had no idea! It never occurred to me at all so it was a lovely surprise and it was great that it was so related."

"I really loved it and he said he had been thinking about it for a couple of weeks."

"We are both computer scientists and love Bletchley Park and The National Museum of Computing. He has always supported me through my campaign."

The couple, who have been together 11 years, are even considering getting married at Bletchley Park.

Dr Black said she would love



Love birds: Computer geeks Dr Sue Black and Dr Paul Boca hope to get married at Bletchley Park after the Enigma code proposal

Benedict Cumberbatch, who played codebreaker Alan Turing in The Imitation Game – the hit film about Bletchley Park – to marry them.

She added: "We would like our wedding to be as equally geeky as the proposal."

As previously reported by this newspaper, Dr Black was given an OBE in the New Year's Honours list for services to technology after campaigning to save

Bletchley Park.

In 2008, Dr Black, then a lecturer at the University of Westminster, got a hundred fellow computing academics to sign a letter to The Times lamenting the neglect of the park, where the Enigma code was broken, helping to shorten the Second World War.

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Flats 'no longer fit for purpose'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A SHELTERED housing facility is to close later this year.

It is believed Orchard House, in Wolverton, will be closed in the early autumn because the building is falling down.

But concerns have been raised over the pressure this will put on other sheltered housing in the area, in particular those that help elderly people leave hospital

sooner by providing intermediate care.

One resident, who did not want to be named, said: "I was horrified to hear that Orchard House is closing as both my aunt and mother received excellent care there."

"It offered intermediate care for the elderly to prevent bed blocking in the hospital, so closing it will just mean

people are stuck in hospital longer or it will cause more pressure on other places."

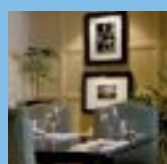
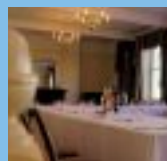
Orchard House has 29 flats, but according to Milton Keynes Council, which runs the facility, only has five tenants whose families it is working with.

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Fundraising: Tony Yates is hoping to raise £1,000 to get a new electric wheelchair, with the MK Christian Centre pledging to match the total if he reaches it

Plea for wheelchair

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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A FATHER-OF-SIX is hoping to raise money for a new electric wheelchair so he can take his youngest daughter to school.

Tony Yates, 40, from Oldbrook, suffers from fibromyalgia, which has left him needing strong painkillers and unable to go out without a wheelchair – including when he takes five-year-old daughter Hera to Oldbrook First School.

But Tony, who says he does not qualify for help from the

council to buy himself a wheelchair as he doesn't need one indoors, is hoping he can raise enough money for a new electric wheelchair as his current one is nearly broken.

Tony explained: "My current wheelchair is second hand and I had to spend £300 to get it up and running. "But I was told if anything goes wrong on it again then it won't be worth getting it fixed."

Tony has set up a Crowdfunding page in an attempt to raise £1,000, with the MK Christian Centre pledging to match the

amount if he reaches it.

"I could get the wheelchair of my dreams for £2,000," Tony said.

"Without a wheelchair I would be housebound. I wouldn't be able to take my daughter to school."

Tony has suffered from the rheumatic condition – which often results in severe musculoskeletal pain – for nine years. "I started off using a manual wheelchair, but my arms got too sore and weak," he said.

Tony has never had a new wheelchair, but the MK community had rallied to raise £552 at the time of print.



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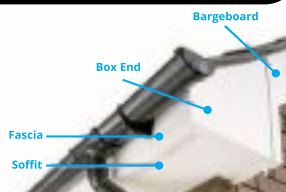
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A spring bloom for volunteers

STONY Stratford will be back in bloom this year after volunteers launched the annual event on Friday.

This year's theme is Greening Grey Britain and Stony in Bloom volunteers have been busy weeding and planting the beds lining the streets. They have also been improving the entrances to the town, redesigning and replanting the beds near each Millennium stone town marker.



Flower power: Volunteers Mary Sarre, Phil Sarre, Pat Kyd, Yvette Dalal, Eilish Friedman and Judy Deveson

Three quarters of people are obese

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A PERSONAL trainer has appeared on a Channel 4 programme on obesity.

The programme highlighted how Milton Keynes has some of the highest levels of obesity in England.

According to Public Health England, almost three quarters of residents here are obese.

In the programme Andy

Whyte, a trainer at The MK Trainer Team based in Monkston, stressed the need for healthier food to be more easily accessible and cheaper.

He said: "We need to bring the cost of healthier food down and maybe increase the cost of fast food."

"And we need to get people knowledgeable, we have a brilliant city here, we have

parks, The Parks Trust events and clubs, including running clubs, you can join for nothing."

As previously reported, many surveys have highlighted the city's obesity problem in both adults and children.

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Tests: Signs have been put up on some of the redways in CMK where the pods are currently being tested. They will soon be driving around by themselves

Pod project progress

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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A PROJECT to introduce self-driving pods to the streets has started and one of the city's original architects has compared them to his vision for transport in the 1960s.

The LUTZ Pathfinder self-driving vehicle trial has started the manual driving stage of testing and soon the pods will be driving themselves around MK.

And Milton Keynes-based Transport Systems Catapult – which is overseeing the pod tests – has played host to one

of the city's original architects and planners Bill Berrett, allowing him to compare his original vision with the latest transport innovations being developed.

In 1964, Mr Berrett created a proposal for driverless cars and buses, which could be driven on ordinary roads, but could become 'driverless' on major routes within the city.

And his dream could soon become a reality, with trials involving three pods now underway.

A spokesman for the Transport Systems Catapult said: "The pods will initially

be driven in manual mode by a trained operator while they gather data, which will allow them to travel using their autonomous systems later in the trial.

"The vehicles have had full safety assessments at MIRA testing facilities and will work under the supervision of marshals throughout the trial."

There are six stages to the pod trials, with the test now on stage four.

Stage five will involve autonomous driving and there will be a final demonstration in stage six before the results are assessed.



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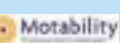
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Concrete cows and oak tree replaced

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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THE space left by the dead oak tree at intu will be replaced by an events area for music, dance, theatre and the arts after it is removed at the end of April.

The concrete cows that surround the tree will also be relocated to Milton Keynes Museum, where they will become an attraction and draw for visitors to the heritage destination in Wolverton.

The final set of samples were taken from the tree last week by Milton Keynes Council and sent for independent laboratory testing.

The results confirmed the tree, which has been pruned back considerably for safety reasons, has died and it will now be removed.

The wood will then be placed into safe storage, allowing it enough time to dry out so that it can be used for a specially commissioned piece of public art.

During this time, intu will be talking to various community groups and individuals



Space: Results have confirmed the oak tree has died and it will be removed with the concrete cows to create an events area

with an interest in the tree to collect ideas on how to best do this.

Shelley Peppard, general manager for the shopping centre said: "We will be incredibly sad to see the Midsummer Oak go, but now that the final tests have confirmed that it is indeed dead, we want to focus on how we can ensure its legacy for Central Milton Keynes."

"The space it used to occupy will be turned into a wonder-

ful fully-decked events area that can be used by performers and artists and enjoyed by our customers.

"We know the Midsummer Oak holds fond memories for the people of Milton Keynes and we hope that through this new public space new memories can be created."

The shopping centre will also be working with The Parks Trust to find a suitable site within CMK to plant a replacement mature oak tree.

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Charity gig has a new sponsor

A CITY maths teacher has a new sponsor for his annual charity concert.

As previously reported by OneMK, Ed Jones, from Denbigh School, holds an annual rock concert with his bands to raise money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma charity Bloodwise.

Muj Ahmed, an ex-student and owner of Naidni Indian restaurant in Stony Stratford, will be this year's sponsor. Read more about the concert, taking place on May 7, at onemk.co.uk

Concert: Muj Ahmed, right, with members of Breathless Platelets, from left, Ant King, Mc McErlane and Ed Jones

Bottle attack on man with baby

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A 28-YEAR-OLD man was attacked by a gang while walking with a one-year-old.

The man, who was with the baby in Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead, at about 4.20pm last Sunday, was approached by a group of eight to 10

young men.

They became involved in an argument and then one of the men attacked the victim with a bottle of Jack Daniels. He then scratched him on his neck with a small knife and threw a rock at him before running away.

The men were black and wearing black clothing.

The offender carrying the knife was about 17 to 18 years old, slim with short curly black hair and around 5ft 6ins.

He was wearing a black Puffa-style jacket, jeans and Nike trainers. He was carrying a black man bag.

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Appeal to get frog statue back on pad

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AFTER appealing to residents to get a frog statue returned a father is now raising money for its replacement.

Anthony Brown from Oxley Park is attempting to raise £500 to buy a new singer for the famous frog band in Howe Park Wood after the original was stolen.

At the time of going to press the Crowdfunding page via JustGiving had raised £170.

The 32-year-old, who is head of science at Denbigh School, said: "In January me and my family went for a walk and that was the morning we found it was missing.

"Despite appealing to get it back we think someone has just dumped it.

"My friend was in a garden centre and saw something similar so we got the information of the person who made them, who helped us get in touch with a company that makes them.

"The Parks Trust, groups in the community and local parish councils have been



Frog band: The space where the singing frog used to be

really supportive and lots of people have liked the fundraising page on Facebook.

"Hopefully we will raise the full amount needed.

"My son and his friends love the frogs."

As previously reported by OneMK, the band became a voiceless trio after the metal singer was taken on December 30.

The Parks Trust, which is responsible for the area, reported it to police and

released a wanted poster in a bid to get the statue returned.

Mr Brown added: "We need £500 to buy it and probably a bit more to get it shipped here.

"The Parks Trust will install it, we just need to fund it.

"Please donate what you can to replace this much-loved statue and get the band back together!"

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Eat gelato for autism charity

GIOVANNI'S Downtown Gelato in the centre:mk is this week raising money for The National Autism Society.

Co-owner Carmelo Gristina holds the charity close to his heart because his nine-year-old nephew has autism. The company will be donating £1 from every scoop of vanilla gelato it sells to the charity. Mr Gristina said: "The support this charity offers is so inspiring."

Giovanni's Gelato: Staff at the stand in the centre:mk

Dodgy fags and booze in stores

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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FOUR stores were found to be selling dodgy cigarettes or alcohol when they were raided by investigators with sniffer dogs.

The dogs were used in a recent joint operation by Milton Keynes Council's Trading Standards, Licensing and Public Health teams and HM Revenue and Customs.

Investigators found more

than 1,200 bottles of wine, over 11,000 cigarettes and 85 pouches of tobacco when they raided six stores in MK – and found four of them to be in possession of illicit tobacco and/or alcohol.

Problems with the products included foreign labelling, stamps saying 'for duty free sale only' and investigators suspect that, as it was being sold cheaply, no duty had been paid on the wine either.

Neil Allen, the council's head

of regulatory services, said: "It's disappointing that premises in MK appear to have been selling cheap illicit cigarettes, tobacco and alcohol."

"This has an impact on the businesses that trade legitimately within the law and pay the duty."

The total suspected revenue on the goods is £9,172. The offences are currently being investigated by Trading Standards and HM Revenue and Customs.



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Irish dancing: Niamh Taylor and Jodie Clark competed in the World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow

Dancing to the top

BY SCOTT KIRK

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TWO city teenagers are among the top one per cent of Irish dancers in the world.

Jodie Clark, 15, from Woburn Sands, and Niamh Taylor, 14, from Bletchley, have returned from the World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow, which took place last weekend.

Jodie was crowned the best British girl for her category and eighth in the world.

Because she did so well, she was invited to dance by herself for the final round and

won a world medal and trophy for competing.

"We really enjoyed it – it was great fun," said Jodie.

The girls compete in specially designed £2,000 dresses, complete with make-up and a wig.

Niamh said: "My friends from school did it and asked if I wanted to do it too, which is how I got into Irish dancing in the first place."

The pair represented Herlihy Burgoine School of Irish Dance, which is based in Bletchley, at the championships.

Jodie's mum Lesley said:

"The people that don't know about Irish dancing think we're bonkers but the girls love doing it."

"Jodie wants to make a career out of it by doing something like the Riverdance."

Niamh's mum Maria added: "I'm really proud of the girls because they're really good friends and it was so exciting to see Jodie get a world medal."

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Interview: OneMK reporter Jessica Duncan talks to Mr Corbyn



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First computer is on display at museum

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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BRITAIN'S first mass-produced business computer has gone on display at The National Museum of Computing (TNMOC).

More than 60 years after it was first revealed to the public, the Hollerith Electronic Computer (HEC) can now be viewed by visitors to the museum, based at Bletchley Park.

The HEC was the prototype for the range of computers that became Britain's best-selling first-generation computer. As the first computer installed in many countries, including India, New Zealand and East Africa, the machine also played a key role in starting the global computer revolution.

On Saturday its maker Dr Raymond Bird, who is now 93 years old, gave a talk on how he developed it for the British Tabulating Machine Company (BTM).

He said: "BTM was one of Britain's largest suppliers of pre-computing punch-card systems and the company



Computer creator: Dr Raymond Bird was pleased to see the HEC on display at TNMOC, where it is hopefully going to be restored

realised that computing was the company's future.

"Unknown to me at the time, the people working in the room next to me were the engineers who had made the wartime code-breaking Bombe machine designed by Alan Turing and deployed at Bletchley Park."

Dr Bird, who is going horse riding in France next week, added: "Computers are young people's heritage so more people should visit the

museum and find out about their history. They are what is behind their mobile phones and tablets today."

TNMOC trustee Kevin Murrell arranged the long-term loan of the HEC from Birmingham Museums Collection Centre.

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Jobs at risk at group's city HQ

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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UP TO 100 jobs could be at risk at Home Retail Group's head office in Milton Keynes, OneMK can reveal.

The news comes after the group, which specialises in home and general merchandise, agreed to sell DIY chain Homebase.

A company spokesman said: "We can confirm that following the sale of Homebase there is some alignment of group functions to the smaller remaining group."

"Subject to consultation up to 100 jobs could be at risk."

"We have no further comment at this stage due to the consultation period."

As previously reported by OneMK, Australian retailer Wesfarmers has bought all 265 Homebase stores in the UK, which will now be rebranded Bunnings over

the next five years, with a further £242million spent on the shops.

On Friday it was announced Sainsbury's has landed a £1.4billion deal to buy Argos from Home Retail Group, which has its headquarters in Avebury Boulevard, CMK.

But the takeover has sparked fears dozens of Argos stores could close or merge with Sainsbury's supermarkets in the coming years after both companies said the deal will lead to significant cost savings.

Sainsbury's is also considering the acquisition of Home Retail Group.

John Coombe, chairman of Home Retail Group, *pictured*, said: "Argos is both an icon of the British high street and also a leader in

the digital transformation of UK retailing.

"We are pleased that Sainsbury's has recognised our progress and our potential with its recommended acquisition of Home Retail Group."

David Tyler, Sainsbury's chairman, added: "The combined business will offer a multi-product proposition, with fast delivery networks, which we believe will be very attractive to customers and will create value to shareholders."



Small businesses praised

FOREIGN Secretary Philip Hammond met representatives from small business in Milton Keynes yesterday.

One of the companies the minister for foreign and commonwealth affairs met was Mercurius IT solutions. Based in Shenley Wood, it has a turnover of £2million and employs 15 people in Milton Keynes and 30 in India.

He said: "Milton Keynes is

a dynamic economy in its own right.

"The businesses I met today have given me a pretty upbeat view of how they see prospects in the coming months and years."

"I think the Conservative group manifesto really does understand the issues and sets out a plan for addressing the challenges an economy like Milton Keynes has to deal with."

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Drinks firm not soured by sugar tax

SOFT drinks company A.G. Barr – which is well-known for making Irn Bru and has a centre in Milton Keynes – has said it expects two-thirds of its drinks to not be affected by George Osborne's sugar tax levy.

One of the chancellor's announcements in the recent budget was that, as of April 2018, drinks high in sugar will be subject to extra tax.

Although the treasury is yet to decide exactly how much extra it will force producers to charge for sugary drinks, campaigners reportedly want it to be 20 per cent.

But A.G. Barr, which has a regional office, production and distribution centre in Magna Park, feels it is ready to meet the levy.

Chief executive Roger White said: "The exact details of the levy are still unclear and we will play an active role in the consultation process with the Government."

"Consumer behaviour is changing and we have been responding accordingly through a comprehensive reformulation and innovation programme."

"We already offer a broad choice of lower and no sugar options and, using the Government's proposed measures, expect at least two thirds of our portfolio to be 'levy-free' by the proposed point of implementation in April 2018. Our job has always been, and continues to be, about understanding consumers and providing them with choice."

Is sugar tax a good idea? letters@onemk.co.uk



Hot stuff: Staff at Sizzling Grillz, named the fifth best takeaway out of 11,000 in the UK, according to food ordering app hungryhouse

Takeaway sizzles in survey of the public

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A CITY takeaway has been ranked one of the best in the UK by members of the public in a national survey.

Online food ordering platform hungryhouse.co.uk has named Sizzling Grillz in Elder Gate, CMK, fifth best out of the 11,000 it surveyed.

Sizzling Grillz, which has all the favourites from juicy burgers to crispy southern fried chicken on its menu, managed to beat off stiff competition to appear in this year's top 10, thanks to its

consistent five-star ratings, rave reviews and high return rate over the last 12 months.

"It was a big deal for us," said owner Arfaan Hussain.

"We've done a lot of hard work in the last five years."

To crown the winners, hungryhouse listened to what the public have been enjoying over the past year, rather than using a panel of judges.

It used an algorithm to analyse data from 11,000 restaurant partners and millions of customer reviews to rank the UK's takeaways, based on factors such as

restaurant popularity, customer reviews, star ratings, return rates and hygiene standards.

Alice Mrongovius, hungryhouse.co.uk CEO, said: "We love to celebrate local restaurants who really have a passion for serving top quality takeaway food and who might not get the attention or exposure they deserve."

"Sharing these great local finds not only helps to promote the restaurants but also ensures customers have the best possible food ordering experience on hungryhouse."

Manufacturer hoovers up a rescue deal

THIRTY jobs have been saved at a specialist design and manufacturing company that has been in the city for nearly 40 years.

CVT Limited has become MDC Vacuum, part of the MDC Vacuum Products LLC group based in California.

CVT Limited is a long-established designer and manufacturer of specialist ultra-high vacuum vessels and precision mechanisms. It operates from a 20,000sq ft factory in Kiln Farm.

MDC Vacuum Products LLC, based in Hayward, California, was founded in 1975 and is a leading provider of high vacuum and ultra-high vacuum vessels, ceramic-to-metal bonding and gas delivery.

Administrators Moore Stephens said after much interest a deal was finalised in January. Michael Finch, partner, restructuring and insolvency at Moore Stephens said: "We wish the business and its purchaser every success going forward. The conclusion of this sale was not without its challenges and was concluded after several weeks of negotiations with various parties."

"The sale successfully preserved a long established local business that had been operating in Milton Keynes for almost 40 years, as well as preserving the jobs of its 30 employees."

Roger Cockcroft, director of MDC Vacuum, said: "It's exciting times here at MDC; we're investing in the latest technology and tools, expanding our capabilities and skill sets and kicking off a global focus."



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Business

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business round-up

Women pick up prizes

BUSINESSWOMEN received accolades at The Women and Broadband Awards.

Tanya Butler of Bradwell Common-based jewellery company My Bugle Ltd won the best business over 12 months award, while Allegonda Dekenha of CMK-based Alle Interiors picked up best website.

Jeanius open new office

JEANIUS Consulting has moved into new premises in the MK TWO Business Centre in Barton Road, Bletchley. It comes after it picked up new business of the year at the MK Business Achievement Awards.

BrightSparc Awards

THIS year's Biztech BrightSparc Awards have been launched at stadiummk. To enter the awards, which will be held at the MKEX Technology Exhibition at the stadium on June 22, visit mkex.co.uk/2016-brightsparc-awards/

Fresh victory for firm

CRANFIELD company It's Fresh! was picked from 700 global businesses to attend the Clean Equity conference in Monaco. The firm was praised for its filter, which slows the speed at which fruit ripens, extending its shelf life.



Kick-starting treatment lab

A NEW treatment lab for people with sports and physical injuries is set to open.

Rudi Chaplin, pictured, who has worked with the Bedford Blues rugby team for the last 14 years, has set up The Treatment Lab in Old Wolverton.

The 35-year-old has lived in neighbouring Wolverton all his life, so he was keen to set up his own business nearby.

"It's a general as well as a specialist injury clinic so anyone is welcome.

"I treat local athletes and performing arts students but I cover the whole spectrum really.

"I have had this idea of setting up my own clinic ever since I finished university so I am looking forward to it.

"It was always a plan for me and as I have a baby on the way it pushed me to set up as it seems like the perfect time to do it."

The clinic, which is based in Harnett Drive, is due to open on Wednesday, April 20.

Turning trash into treasure

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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A CHARITY and nearby business have made the most of leftover products after they were turned into furniture for children.

MK Play Association (MKPA) – a not-for-profit organisation based in Kiln Farm – was given leftover cable reels and scrap metal from communications company Betterbox, also in Kiln Farm.

This was then reused by local nurseries to make furniture such as stools and tables for children to use – even an Easter bunny was made out of the waste items.

Betterbox, which has been based in Milton Keynes since 1988, provides networking products around the world and consequently gets through a lot of cable reels.

It thought that instead of simply chucking its old electrical parts away, MKPA could get some use out of them.

Alex Baioes from Betterbox said: "We are very pleased to see our 'waste' going on to become useful again in helping the children's imagination and playtime.

"We hope other companies



A table for four: Betterbox waste made into furniture by MKPA

will use the MKPA as not only does it work with the local community, but it collects your resources and ultimately lowers waste disposal costs."

MKPA receives materials from a number of places and, as long as they are clean, it can convert them into items that children can play with.

Steve Harrison, play services manager at MKPA, said: "The reels that are donated can get turned into a stool by a nursery, which 30 to 40 kids can then use every day."

The idea is based around using loose parts for play, with people able to come in and either buy goods from the shop area – at a low price – or for projects such as the one with Betterbox, for a small donation.

Mr Harrison added: "We have about 1,600 members, with anything from individuals and nurseries to after school clubs and groups.

"Receiving donations and being able to sell them allows us to generate an income all year round."

What happens when BHS can no longer pay your pension?

Carl Roberts, Director, Wealth & Tax Management

The famous old company British Home Stores (BHS) is in trouble and could soon disappear from our high streets.

Part of the problem is the company's pension scheme, which is £571m in deficit. Meaning it needs to payout £571m more than it has available.

The recent troubles at BHS and now Tata Steel raise an important question.

What happens to final salary pensions when the company you work/worked for goes bust?

When a company goes into administration the Pension Protection Fund (PPF) steps in and assesses the situation. If there are not enough assets in the company to pay all the pension liabilities then the PPF takes over.

The PPF is funded by the pension assets it takes



Carl Roberts

over, levies applied on all pension schemes and has its own investment portfolio.

If you have already reached the pension scheme's 'normal retirement age' and are receiving your benefits then you should continue to receive the same level of pension from the PPF. However if you were working for the company before 5/04/1997 then

the part of your pension attributable to this period will not increase with inflation, as it would have done previously.

If you retired early or have yet to receive your pension then you will be limited to receiving 90% of your benefits subject to a cap of around £32,761 for a 65 year old. The cap gets lower the earlier you retire and take benefits.

The important point here is that final salary pensions may not be as safe as first thought and it's a problem for all of our famous British employers. For example, Tata Steel's deficit is £485m, Tesco's is £3.9bn and BT's is a whopping £5.9bn!

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Have a laugh at comedy night

CARLY Smallman will be the headline act for a night of stand-up at Stantonbury Theatre on Friday.

Carly didn't even start doing stand-up until 2009 but she is already becoming a household name with her funny songs that promise to have you in stitches.

She manages to blend outrageous impropriety with adorable sincerity and has won praise from the likes of Rob Brydon and GQ Magazine.

She has played at a variety of venues, from major weekend comedy clubs, to arts centres, the Hammersmith Apollo and her living room!

There will also be two other acts performing at the event.

Lateef Lovejoy is one of the UK's finest young comedians and 'The Loveprince of Entertainment' will give you plenty to laugh about with his impressions.

Robin Morgan, who will be compering the evening, incorporates his quick wit and natural story-telling with a confident, cheeky style.

He regularly performs at some of the biggest clubs, including the Glee Club, Jongleurs, Avalon and Off the Kerb, both as an MC and an act.

Doors open at 7pm for the gig, which begins at 8pm, and tickets cost £5.

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Out and about



RANGER Bob Streatfeild shares news about the latest arrivals at Woburn Safari Park with MK LIFE readers. Arriving at the park earlier this month, the youngsters can now be seen by visitors exploring their new home

A MOB of newborn Australian red necked wallabies, known as joeys, have been born at Woburn Safari Park.

Arriving at the park earlier this month, the new faces are now on view to the public and the youngsters can be seen busily exploring their new home and jumping in and out of their mother's pouches.

We are very fond of the new little joeys and they are already showing strong personalities. One cheeky individual, who is always the first in line for food, has been named Jimmy by the keepers.

By nature, wallabies are not shy animals and are likely to approach visitors out of curiosity, so it is important the young joeys get used to sharing the enclosure with people. So please remember to be quiet and walk slowly in the enclosure to help them adjust.

Woburn Safari Park is home to a large breeding group of more than 35 wallabies who roam freely with greater rhea birds in their enclosure.

Often mistaken for kangaroos, red necked wallabies are found in the wild along the east coast of Australia and the island of Tasmania.

Learn more about them and see the youngsters in action during the school holiday or May bank holidays at the park.



rockshow

INDIE rock band The Bluetones will play at The Craufurd Arms on Thursday, April 14.

The band have seen 13 of their singles appear in the top 40 singles charts and they have had three top 10 albums in the UK charts.

The show comes as part of the band's UK tour, which they announced last year after reforming.

They had split in October 2011 following a farewell tour that ended with a concert in Osaka, Japan.

Tickets cost £18.50 and can be bought at thecraufurdarms.com

bikinibottom

DIVE into SpongeBob SquarePants' underwater world of Bikini Bottom at intu tomorrow and Friday.

The events will be packed with interactive fun and games, including the giggle groove silent disco, remote-controlled snail slalom racing, laughter limbo and much more.

No booking is required for either of the parties – which start at 11am and take place in the central boulevard.



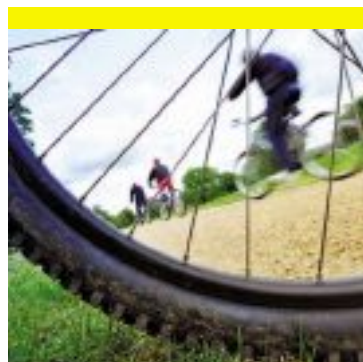
easyriders

THE Parks Trust will host a 25-mile bike ride on Sunday as part of the Easy Riders programme.

The project allows cyclists of all ages and skill levels to enjoy the city's parks from the saddle.

This free event – which requires no booking – starts at 10am, meeting at Westcroft Library.

Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult.





Ta dah! Jessica Duncan with Stefania Grecu and Julia Sutton



hairyinterview

HAIRSPRAY the Musical has arrived at Milton Keynes Theatre this week.

To celebrate, reporter Jessica Duncan had her hair done in the style of the show while interviewing Julia Sutton, who plays the lead role of Tracey Turnblad.

She said: "It is my dream role and even though the show is bubbly there are some key messages in it too."

Jessica's Hairspray hair was done by Stefania Grecu, manager at Regis in intu Milton Keynes.

Following the interview Jessica saw Julia perform in the opening night on Monday.

She said: "It is a real feel good show with some great songs and a fabulous cast of singers and dancers."

The songs tell the story of the city of Baltimore in 1962 and a big girl with big hair who wants to use her love for dance to bring people together and stop racial segregation.

Jessica added: "I certainly came away singing and dancing to the songs."

To book tickets for the show, on until Saturday, visit atgtickets.co.uk

familymeal

PUT a spring in your step courtesy of The Nut and Squirrel Pub in Westcott, which has teamed up with MK LIFE for this week's competition.

Following the launch of its revamped look and tasty new menu, the Nut and Squirrel in Barnsdale Drive is offering five lucky readers the chance to enjoy a fabulous feast on the house.

The pub has also introduced a Friday Fizz Club and Sunday Wine Club, where guests can enjoy a bottle for £10 from 5pm every Friday and Sunday, as well as adding an additional 12 real ales to the drinks offering.

The Nut and Squirrel is already known for its traditional British cooking from breakfast, to lunch and evening meals.

But regulars also enjoy its range of ales and wine with its open fires.

To be in with a chance of winning one of five £50 meal vouchers for you and your family simply answer this question:

How many additional ales has The Nut and Squirrel added to its drinks offering?

- A) 10
- B) 12
- C) 14

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grandmafilm

GRANDMA will be this week's Friday night film at MK Gallery.

The film is about Elle Reid, who has just got through breaking up with her girlfriend when her granddaughter Sage shows up needing \$600.

Grandma Elle and Sage spend the day trying to get their hands on the cash with visits to old friends and flames leading to them digging up secrets from their past.

Grandma will be shown from 7.30pm and tickets cost £5 from www.mkgallery.org



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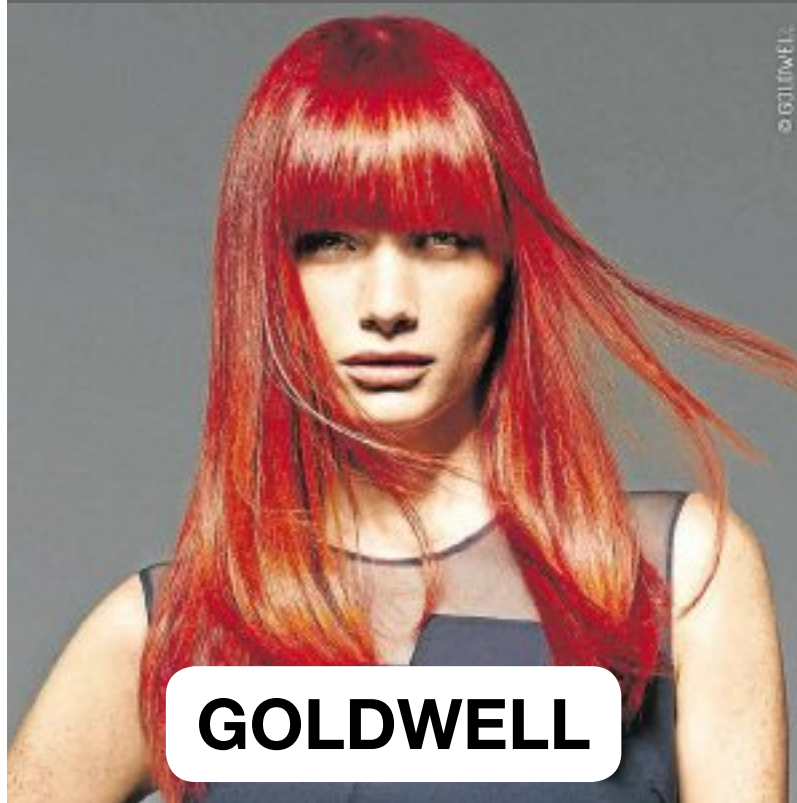
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flying high

I WASN'T really expecting much from Eddie the Eagle but I was very pleasantly surprised by how good this film was.

Taron Egerton is fast becoming one of my favourite actors given how unexpectedly good he was in Kingsman: The Secret Service and now he has repeated his good form as Eddie Edwards in this heart-warming tale based on the 1987 Winter Olympics ski jumping hero.

You can't help but love how plucky and sweet Eddie the Eagle is and Egerton plays the

role perfectly.

He absolutely steals the show, which is saying something considering Hugh Jackman, Christopher Walken and Jim Broadbent also star in the film.

You don't need to be a sports fan to appreciate the plot as there are some big belly laughs and heartbreaking moments.

This film will leave you feeling really inspired with its strong message that if you are determined enough, you can succeed at whatever you put your mind to.

Scott Kirk



court drama

AGATHA Christie's Witness for the Prosecution will be performed at Stantonbury Theatre from Wednesday, April 13 until Saturday, April 16.

Tickets cost £16 for adults and £14 for concessions but there is a £2 discount if you pre-book for the 7.30pm show. Visit purchase.tickets.com to book.



tent show

IF YOU'RE looking to become a happy camper then PJ Outdoors' show at Willen Lake could be just the thing for you.

Starting on Saturday, the MK Tent and Camping show will showcase a huge range of equipment.

As the name suggests, there will be an array of tents on show, but there will also be a wide selection of awnings, shelters and camping accessories from all of the top brands – and all at discount prices.

The free event, which requires no booking, starts at 10am and is open every day until Sunday, April 24.



queen's birthday

HEART FM is appealing for MK LIFE readers to help with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in Milton Keynes.

On Thursday, April 21 The Queen will celebrate the milestone birthday and as part of the national beacon lighting, The Beacon in Campbell Park will be lit. The Parks Trust is also organising a small event to commemorate the occasion.

In particular, it's looking for local school choirs and performance groups to deliver short performances. For more information email events@theparkstrust.com

Also, if you played along with our Wheel of Musicals the other week on Heart Breakfast, you'll know there are two big musicals landing in MK – Hairspray The Musical and The Bodyguard.

Tune in to Heart Breakfast with Stuart Miles and Katy Hill on Heart 103.3 FM and DAB to hear more, or visit heart.co.uk

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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lizapulman

LIZA Pulman will perform some classic Hollywood songs at The Stables tomorrow.

As Time Goes By and Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head are among the catalogue of songs she will be singing.

Tickets are available for the 8.30pm show at www.thestables.org and cost £20.



jocaulfield

ONE of the biggest names on the circuit will be coming to The Comedy Cow on Friday, April 15.

Jo Caulfield, who is a regular on shows such as Mock The Week, will be performing at the red dot bar at stadiummk at 8.15pm.

Tickets cost £10 and can be bought at www.ticketsource.co.uk



thebodyguard

THE long-awaited The Bodyguard arrives at Milton Keynes Theatre on Tuesday.

While there are only a few tickets left for the evening performances, there are still plenty for the matinee performances on Wednesday, April 13, Thursday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 20.

The musical tells the story of a former Secret Service agent protecting a superstar.

It features the hits of Whitney Houston, who starred in the film the show is based on. Tickets cost between £18.50 and £52.50 at atgtickets.co.uk

lyricalmaster

MOBO award-winning hip hop artist, writer, poet and educator Akala will be performing at MKII.

He fuses rap, rock and electro-punk with fierce lyrical storytelling.

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Problems in the Middle East were the undoing of former Tory Prime Minister Anthony Eden. He made a serious tactical mistake in colluding with France and Israel to use military force against General Abdel Nasser, after the Egyptian leader had nationalised the Suez Canal in 1956. Eden resigned a year later, his reputation in tatters, and died in 1977.

He had challenges in his private life too; he was the first divorcee to move into number 10 and went on to marry Clarissa Spencer-Churchill, whose uncle Winston Churchill was Eden's long-time boss.

Before he became Prime Minister, from 1941 to 1952, Eden used Binderton House near Goodwood Racecourse in West Sussex as his country retreat. He affectionately labelled it 'Old Binders' and wrote in his diary that he liked the house because "it had good rooms which will take our furniture and above all, lovely countryside".

Built in 1677 it was a self-contained house when Eden



bought it but was divided into five apartments in the 1980s. A ground floor, two-bedroom flat is now up for sale at £539,500, incorporating the room that was Eden's ballroom. Now a 30ft long panelled drawing room it has original floors, a corniced ceiling, fireplace and window bay.

The grade two listed house, which is approached via a long

gravel driveway, still has a late 17th century staircase in the communal hallway.

There's a master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, shower room and large cellar storage. The private garden has a patio area with steps leading down to landscaped communal gardens.

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Die-hard Gooners looking for a bolthole would feel right at home at the former address of their beloved team.

While Arsenal now play at the flashy Emirates stadium, their old stomping ground – Highbury Stadium – was once graced by the likes of club legends Tony Adams and Thierry Henry, but has since been turned into flats.

Arsenal built their old ground in 1913 and until the move in 2006, hosted many international matches and FA Cup semi-finals there, as well as boxing, baseball and cricket matches. It was where the 1966 World Heavyweight boxing title bout between Henry Cooper and Muhammad Ali took place.

The local London Underground station was even renamed Arsenal in 1932, making it the only station on the network named after a football club.

Famous for its small pitch and



clock on the southern side of the ground, after it closed the club auctioned off a lot of the stadium's parts, although a sale of the seats was quickly cancelled after they were found to contain toxic metal cadmium.

Highbury Square incorporates parts of the former East and West Stands, and a two bedroom, two bathroom first floor apartment there has just come up for sale at £695,000. Its open

plan kitchen/reception room has oak wood floors, while one of the bedrooms is en-suite.

The two-acre pitch is now communal landscaped gardens and a concierge is in the famous Marble Hall, through which many famous soccer stars entered the grounds. There's also a fitness centre and swimming pool on site.

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Have Doc Martin as your local GP

Many Americans love gentle TV comedy drama Doc Martin, with one fan, Hollywood A-lister Sigourney Weaver, signing up for a cameo last year.

The programme's become an unexpected hit in the States thanks to streaming services like Netflix and Amazon Prime, with the LA Times labelling it "delightfully quirky".

And although fans feared it would be axed, the socially inept Doctor Martin Ellingham and friends will be on our screens for the eighth and final series next year.

Martin Clunes plays the brilliant but grumpy vascular surgeon who develops a fear of blood, and ends up as a GP in a sleepy Cornish seaside village.

The show – running since 2004 – is set in the fictional Portwenn and filmed on location in Port Isaac. Although most of the interior scenes are shot in a converted barn, diehard Doc Martin fans can find plenty of local landmarks in the village including the Bay Hotel which was Wenn House, home of Portwenn's most prominent family, the Wenns, where Doc Martin made several house-calls.



The double-fronted guest house with great views over Port Issac Bay, has eight en-suite guest rooms, many with a sea view. Its guest lounge and dining room is also bay-fronted while there's an office/store and kitchen as well as an owner's apartment and one-bedroom

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It won the original developer a highly commended Civic Award and has become a landmark home with plenty of the original



features intact. There are high vaulted ceilings, exposed timbered flooring, and a spiral staircase up to the top two floors – so you'd need strong legs to live here.

On the ground floor there's an entrance hall, cloakroom, bedroom and dining room leading to the kitchen, with double French doors opening onto the patio and garden.

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room while on the second floor, the two double bedrooms both have en-suite bathrooms.

Tucked away in the village of Hertford Heath you get to the tower through electric gates up a large driveway which has off-street parking for several vehicles. There's also a garage/home office. It's on the market for £750,000.

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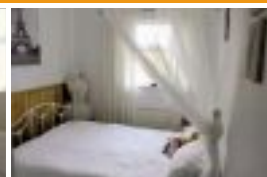
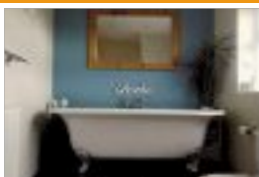
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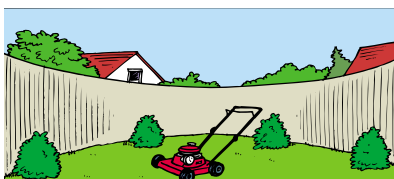
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- 1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Roads or Parts of Roads in Blethley, Clifton Reynes and Conniburrow) (Temporary Closures) Order 2016.
- 2) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Roads and Parts of Roads in Beanhill, Blethley, Broughton, Downs Barn and Kiln Farm) (Temporary Closure) Order 2016.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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- **Cawkwell Way, Blethley** – Between its junctions with Albert Street and Oxford Street (on 14/04/2016)
- **Clifton Road, Clifton Reynes** – Between its junction with the unnamed road that links Clifton Road and Newton Road to its junction with Spring Lane Glebe Roundabout and Childs Way (on 14/04/2016)
- **Conniburrow Boulevard, Conniburrow** – Its roundabout junction (westbound) that links Conniburrow Boulevard and Bradwell Common Boulevard (on 15/04/2016)
- **Conniburrow Boulevard, Conniburrow** – Roundabout (northern side) that links Marigold Place and Stonerow Place (on 15/04/2016)
- **Conniburrow Boulevard, Conniburrow** – Access road between the northbound and southbound carriageways on Speedwell Place (on 15/04/2016)
- **Conniburrow Boulevard, Conniburrow** – Between its junctions with Buckingham Road and Cottingham Grove (on 15/04/2016)
- **Chapman Avenue, Downs Barn** – From its junction with Capel Drive to its junction with Loriner Place (on 20/04/2016)
- **Byerly Field, Downs Barn** – Its entire length (on 20/04/2016)
- **Western Road, Blethley** – From its junction with North Street to its junction with Victoria Road (on 21/04/2016)
- **North Street, Blethley** – From its junction with Western Road to its junction with The Crescent (northern arm) (on 21/04/2016)
- **Wastell, Beanhill** – From its junction with Maslin Drive to its junction with V7 Saxon Street (on 21/04/2016)
- **Pitfield, Kiln Farm** – Between its junctions with Burners Lane South and Tilers Road (on 25/04/2016)
- **Newport Road, Broughton** – From its junction with the A421 Standing Way to its junction with Chippendale Drive (on 25/04/2016).

The above roads will be closed for a maximum period of 4 hours or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner.

Access to properties will be maintained throughout the closure.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Titles of made Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Road Closures):-

None.

Titles of the proposed Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders:-

- 1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads within Giffard Park, Grange Farm, Loughton, Monkston Park and New Bradwell) (Parking, Waiting and Loading Restrictions) Order 2016 Variation Order 2016.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2), 4(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed Order will introduce 'no waiting' and 'no loading' at any time along parts of Tewkesbury Lane and the St Bernadette's School car park in Monkston Park.

Copies of the notice of proposal and the proposed Orders together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Orders may be inspected during opening hours at **Milton Keynes Library**, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes; and during normal office hours at **Milton Keynes Council**, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any representations about or objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the Network TRO Manager, Highways Department, Public Realm Services Group, Synergy World, Chesney Wood, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY to be received no later than 27th April 2016 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-146.

Titles of the made Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders:-

- 1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Specific and Permit Parking Places) Order 2002 Variation Order 2016.
- 2) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Residents' Permit Parking Places) Order 2005 Variation Order 2016.
- 3) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Standard Rate Pay and Display and Pay by Mobile Phone Parking Places and Various Permits) Order 2005 Variation Order 2016.
- 4) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Milton Keynes) (Electric Vehicle Parking Places) Order 2016.
- 5) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Parts of A421, Standing Way (H8), Grove Way (H9) and A5130 Newport Road, Milton Keynes) (40 mph and 60 mph Speed Restrictions) Order 2015 Variation Order 2016.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 5th April made the above Orders under various Sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The above orders will have the following effects:-

- The description for the residents permit parking place in North Fourteenth Street has been slightly amended due to a technicality within the existing traffic Order;
- The description for the one disabled persons' parking place in North Fourteenth Street has been slightly amended due to a technicality within the existing traffic Order;
- The description for the standard rate pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking place in North Fourteenth Street has been slightly amended due to a technicality within the existing traffic Order;
- The introduction of Electric vehicle car parking places on various roads within Blethley, Bradwell Common, Broughton, Central Milton Keynes, Emerson Valley;
- The description for the 40mph speed restriction along A5130 Newport Road, Wavendon and Woburn Sands has been slightly amended due to a technicality within the existing traffic Order.

Copies of the above notices of making and made Orders, may be inspected during opening hours at **Milton Keynes Library**, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at **Milton Keynes Council**, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the above Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

The public notices can be viewed in full at http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/roads-highways-and-pavements/public_notices

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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73

16/00625/FUL

WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

Rear dormer forming part of a loft conversion at 130 Cambridge Street, Wolverton.

16/00677/ICA

Notification of intention to fell 1x Ash tree at 1 Faith Terrace, Castlethorpe Road, Hanslope.

16/00685/ICA

Notification of intention to fell 12x Sycamore trees (T14 to T19 and T36 to T41), 1x Elder tree (T34), 4x Yew trees (T42 to T44 and 61a) 1x Horse Chestnut (T55) 1x False Acacia (T70) and to complete works to 1x Beech tree (T51), 3x Sycamore trees (T56, T69 and T72), 1x Cedar of Lebanon tree (T57), 1x Yew tree (T81) and 1x Weeping Willow (T88) at St Giles Residential Home, St Giles Mews, Stony Stratford.

16/00701/ICA

Notification of intention to fell 1x Lilac tree at 5 Station Road, Newport Pagnell.

16/00756/FUL

Single storey rear extension at 63 Church Street, Wolverton

SECTION 67 & 73

16/00579/FUL

LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

Alterations to both ground and first floors, to include reconfiguration of the existing internal layout, new window and door openings and the addition and removal of partitions, the removal of the existing single storey extension to the west, and the replacement with a new vestibule to the rear, and the removal and replacement of the existing porch, the removal of the existing stable layout, fixtures and fittings to create a new kitchen/family/living room at Calverton House Cottage, Lower Weald To Calverton Road, Calverton.

16/00580/LBC

Listed building consent for alterations of both ground and first floors, to include reconfiguration of the existing internal layout, new window and door openings and the addition and removal of partitions, the removal of the existing single storey extension to the west, and the replacement with a new vestibule to the rear, and the removal and replacement of the existing porch, the removal of the existing stable layout, fixtures and fittings to create a new kitchen/family/living room at Calverton House Cottage, Lower Weald To Calverton Road, Calverton.

16/00726/LBC

Listed Building consent for repairs to 3 front sash windows at 77 High Street, Stony Stratford.

16/00755/FUL

Single storey rear extension and conversion of outbuilding to habitable living accommodation at Stoneways, High Street, Weston Underwood.

SECTION 67 & 73

16/00622/FUL

AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

Erection of a single dwelling at Yew Tree Farm, Stoke Goldington Road, Ravenstone.

SECTION 67

16/00621/LBC

LISTED BUILDING

Listed Building Consent for the installation of fire rated door in existing panelled opening on second floor at Chicheley Hall, Hall Lane, Chicheley, Newport Pagnell.

16/00728/DISCON

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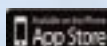
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Volkswagen's Rugged New Beetle Dune

The Volkswagen Beetle is renowned as an automotive style icon with, perhaps, the most well-known silhouette of any modern car. Original Beetles have been modified in small numbers over the years to suit specialist drivers' requirements and among the most famous of these are the 'Baja Bugs' vividly associated with west coast America.

Now the spirit of those original conversions is rekindled in the modern Beetle range with the UK showroom debut of the exciting new Beetle Dune. Engineered and styled to pay tribute to those off-road heroes, and with a ride height raised 10 mm compared with the standard car, the Beetle Dune is designed to offer a vibrant new dimension to the existing Beetle line-up.

Available to order from 5th April through the Volkswagen UK Retailer network, the Beetle Dune's rugged looks are enhanced via 18-inch 'Mythos' alloy wheels, front and rear wheelarch extensions and bold new bumper designs.

Beetle Dune customers have a choice of Coupe or Cabriolet versions and deliveries of both will begin in June, while a selection of five body colours complement the car's eye-catching styling. The Sandstorm Yellow metallic and Dark Bronze metallic, in particular, have been developed exclusively for the Beetle Dune. Other colour options include Deep Black pearlescent, Black (non-metallic) and Pure White (non-metallic). Parts of the dash and door panels also share the exterior body colour.

The styling inside and out helps the new car stand out from the crowd. Its adventurous character is emphasised



by a large silver-framed central air inlet and a black honeycomb grille. In profile, the black wheel well and body extensions contrast with the eye-catching paint colours. In addition, black side trim strips – stylised 'Beetle running boards' – and 'Dune' badging underscore the dynamic image of the latest Beetle. At the rear, a large spoiler and new LED lights create a futuristic look.

Inside, extensive use of contrast 'Tumeric' stitching on the sport seats, leather-trimmed steering wheel and parking brake grip help define the new Dune while contrasting areas of the seat system, door trim panels, roof pillars and headlining are finished in black.

The generously equipped new Beetle Dune is based on the existing Beetle's Design trim level which means a comprehensive selection of technology and creature comforts as standard. Among the highlights is the Composition Media system which

includes 6.5-inch touch-screen with Bluetooth telephone connection, DAB digital radio receiver, dash-mounted single CD player, MDI (Multi Device Interface) via USB connection, SMS messaging functionality and eight speakers. Standard-fit technology also includes a Light and Sight pack comprising auto dimming rear-view mirror, automatic headlights and rain sensing wipers, while convenience is enhanced by ultrasonic parking sensors front and rear.

A multifunction leather steering wheel with decorative 'Dune' insert and contrast 'Tumeric' stitching, leather-clad handbrake with contrast stitching and carpet mats front and rear with 'Tumeric' contrast stitching continue the Dune's bespoke look. 'Climatic' semi-automatic air conditioning keeps things comfortably cool inside.

Safety is enhanced via ABS (Anti-lock Braking System) and Electronic Stability Control (ESC) fitted as

standard and the Beetle Dune Cabriolet has rollover protection. In addition, all Beetles have Isofix child seat preparation for two rear child seats, tyre pressure loss indicator and a comprehensive suite of airbags.

The Beetle Dune is powered by a choice of two engines. The 1.2-litre petrol TSI engine develops 105 PS and is available with either a six-speed manual or seven-speed DSG gearbox. With both options, the hatch model accelerates from 0 to 62 mph in 11.3 seconds. The 2.0-litre TDI develops 150 PS and comes with a choice of six-speed manual or six-speed auto DSG gearboxes and, in the hatch version, reaches 62 mph in 9.2 seconds. Top speeds, where legal, vary from 110 mph for the petrol manual to 124 mph for the diesel manual.

Fuel economy ranges from 51.4 mpg (combined) for the 1.2 TSI manual to 62.8 mpg (combined) for the 2.0 TDI manual while CO2 emissions range from 117 g/km to 127 g/km depending on engine and gearbox choice.

Today's production Beetle Dune was presented to the world as a concept car at the Detroit Motor Show in 2014. The concept's off-road interpretation of the classic Beetle design attracted global interest, and was itself a highly successful development of an earlier concept car revealed in Los Angeles in 2000.

The petrol-engined new Beetle Dune costs from £21,300 (RRP OTR), and the diesel version is offered from £23,805 (RRP OTR).

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Kia cee'd KOREAN CLEVERNESS

The second generation Kia's cee'd now has more to offer in the Focus and Astra-dominated family hatchback class, thanks to a wider range of engines, higher specifications and a smarter look, both inside and out. As before, there's a choice of five-door hatch, Sportswagon estate and pro_ cee'd coupe bodystyles and all benefit from greater efficiency and better refinement.

Under the bonnet, the key news here is the introduction of Kia's latest 1.0-litre T-GDI turbo petrol direct injection engine, offered in 98bhp and 118bhp outputs. We can't really see much point in opting for the pokier version as its pulling power - 171Nm of torque - is no better than that of the base unit. Either way, if you want a petrol engine in your cee'd, this powerplant offers a far more satisfying choice than the old 98bhp 1.4-litre petrol unit that's still offered on lower-order variants of this second generation model. There's also a 201bhp 1.6-litre T-GDI turbo GT petrol model at the top of the range.

Most cee'd buyers though, want a diesel. There's an old-tech 89bhp 1.4-litre CRDi variant still available, but most buyers will want the more efficient, higher-tech 1.6-litre CRDi unit, offered with 134bhp. This powerplant gives buyers the option of a 7-speed dual-clutch DCT automatic transmission, one of those clever gearboxes able to seamlessly select the next gear before you've even left the last one. For this diesel variant, improvements in refinement have been prioritised, so additional sound-absorbing materials have been adopted for the carpet and ventilation system, while twice as much anti-vibration foam has been added to the dashboard panel to cut engine vibrations intruding on the calm of the cabin.

Otherwise, things are much as before. So the driving dynamics still won't satisfy those for who see handling response as everything, despite the addition of a torque vectoring system, which reduces understeer by partially applying the brake to the inner wheel under cornering. You still get a supple multi-link rear suspension system, something that's still not the norm in this segment. And there's neat FlexSteer steering that allows you to alter feedback at the helm. Plus these models are as rapid as most owners will need them to be, the 134bhp diesel 1.6 making sixty two mph from rest in 9.5s on the way to 117mph.

Whether you choose to order this car in five-door

hatchback, Sportswagon estate or pro_ cee'd coupe guise, you should feel that in improved second generation form, it certainly looks more purposeful. At the front, it retains Kia's hallmark 'tiger-nose' grille, along with wraparound headlamps and integrated fog lamps. Changes include a more angular and wider bumper, with chrome trim around the fog lamps, and a smarter oval-shaped grille mesh echoing many of the shapes and design forms on the front of the car. A similar change has been made to the rear of the cee'd, with reshaped bumpers, sporty-looking reflectors and LED lamps all featuring.

Inside, the fascia layout remains neat, though there are still rather a lot of buttons. The asymmetric, driver-focused dashboard looks classier now though, receiving flashes of chrome around the instrument binnacle, the air vents and around the upper edge of the instrument panel. The central fascia panel is now finished in a high quality, anti-scratch gloss black for a more premium look. Other chrome highlights have also been added to the cabin, in particular around the base of the gear-stick, on door handles, and to the temperature control dials on the dashboard, depending on trim level. There's also an optional colour pack to make the cabin feel more individual.

Out back, as before, there's a 380-litre boot that's 20% bigger than that of a Ford Focus and 10% bigger than that of a Volkswagen Golf. That advantage is maintained when you push forward the split-folding rear bench to free up a useful 1,318-litres of total fresh air.

In summary, there will still be people of course, who'll blindly buy a Focus, a Golf or some other family hatchback from a conventional mainstream brand without considering its Korean alternative. But these will largely be uninformed folk yet to fully cotton on to the way that products in this segment have changed. Thanks to the success of this cee'd, there are fewer and fewer customers of this kind around.

Of course, shortlist selection isn't the same as a sale. There are family hatch folk who'll want more powerful engines or more dynamic handling than this car can offer. But, we'd suggest, many more will enjoy this improved Kia's sharp looks, impressive quality, class-leading practicality and low running costs. True, the asking prices may be a little higher than you might expect from a South Korean brand, but don't judge them until you've tried the product, a confident design from a very confident brand. We think you might like it.



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INSURANCE GROUP: 8-30 [1-50]
CO2 EMISSIONS: 95-171g/km
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Mazda Debuts New MX-5 With Retractable Hardtop



Mazda has revealed the Mazda MX-5 RF (“retractable fastback”) on the eve of the New York International Auto Show. The latest version offers a new dimension of open-top driving fun while at the same time staying true to the purpose of Mazda’s previous retractable hardtop MX-5: Making the roadster experience accessible to a broader range of drivers. Featuring fastback styling with a smooth roofline that slopes down to the rear, the MX-5 RF’s unique rear roof and retractable back window deliver a distinctive new convertible feeling. The power roof opens and closes with the press of a button while moving at speeds of up to 10km/h, and stows away compactly and efficiently. Despite the sleek design, the MX-5 RF offers the same boot space as the soft-top model. This new version will be available in Europe.

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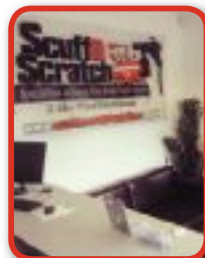
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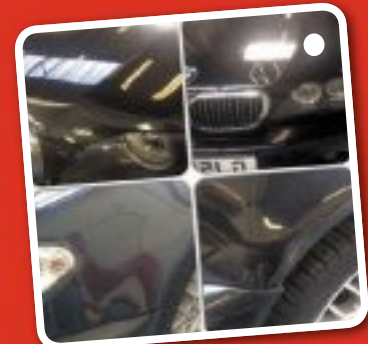
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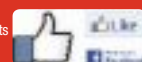
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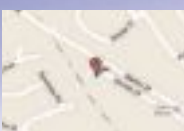
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Izi is the 1,000th Redway Runner



1,000 not out: New member Izi Hicks has helped Redway Runners reach a major milestone

BY SCOTT KIRK

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WHEN Izi Hicks joined Redway Runners recently a major milestone was reached.

It was not so much the fact that Izi joined the club, but that she became the 1,000th member.

A little over five years ago a few running friends got together and decided to form a running club.

They came up with the name Redway Runners and decided on the now iconic green as club colours.

Initially, they needed to attract 10 people to join to make it work with a best case scenario of getting 25 members to offer some type of longevity.

So they are now absolutely delighted to reach 1,000 members, which surpasses the founder's wildest dreams.

A spokesman for Redway Runners said: "The club could not have got to where it is now without the many people who have given up time for free to make the club successful. Thank you to them."

From day one the club has kept to four principles of fun, social, value for money and to run the club for the benefit of members.

The club offer runs and activities to suit just about every sort of runner.

Hundreds of beginners have gradu-

ated through the regular starter programmes.

Running sessions are available throughout the day and nearly every evening of the week.

Track sessions and cross country also feature heavily.

In May the inaugural Redway Runner Zero to Hero programme will result in nearly 20 Redway Runners taking part in their first marathon (Milton Keynes on May 2).

These dedicated individuals have been mentored and supported by the club for nearly a year.

Redway Runners also proudly support a Charity of the Year, which is currently the national good cause Bravery Boxes, which has received some significant support from the club.

It will continue to develop in the future and will hopefully attract many more new members, who can also benefit from the activities on offer.

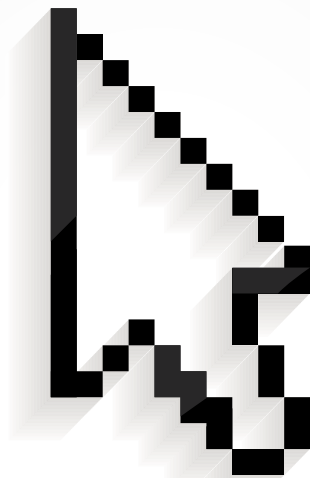
The club has also recently revealed its second club overseas trip of the year.

The squad will be travelling to Ljubljana in Slovenia, with a 10K, half marathon and a full marathon available for athletes wanting to take part.

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Double podium joy on touring car return

JAMES Nash made it a double-podium celebration as he made a confident return to touring car race action.

He got behind the wheel on Bahrain's F1 Grand Prix circuit at Sakhir for the opening rounds of the 22-race 2016 TCR International Series.

Nash, driving a Lukoil sponsored Seat Leon for the Silverstone UK-based Craft-Bamboo Racing team,

enjoyed two strong races.

The former World Touring Car Independent champion finished third in the opening race run on Saturday evening under floodlights and second in Sunday's reverse grid race, during which he made the overtake manoeuvre of the weekend.

He passed his Spanish teammate Pepe Oriola and Honda's Finnish driver Aku Pellinen on the run-down to

Turn One, while all three hotly disputed second position behind early race leader Kevin Gleason.

Both races were ultimately won by Oriola. After two races Nash is second on 36, 15 behind leader Oriola.

The next two races take place in three week's time on Portugal's former F1 circuit at Estoril. The race action can be followed live via www.tcr-series.com or on Motors TV.

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

OLNEY Town lost 2-1 after extra time in the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup final. Newport Pagnell Town won 2-0 against Kirby Muxloe thanks to goals from Fazel Koriya and Greg Ling in the United Counties Premier Division. In the Spartan South Midlands League Division One, New Bradwell St Peter lost 3-1 at Edgware Town. In Division Two, Loughton Manor won 2-1 at Pitsstone and Ivinghoe, Old Bradwell United won 5-1 against Amersham Town and Wolverton Town lost 3-0 at Kent Athletic.

BADMINTON

MK-based top seeds Heather Olver and Lauren Smith raced to the Orleans International 2016 women's doubles title in France on Sunday as England's national champions picked up more valuable qualification points in the Race to Rio standings. Olver and Smith overcame home hopes Delphine Delrue and Lea Palermo, the unseeded French pair who had taken out the number two seeds in the second round, 21-19, 21-8.

RUGBY UNION

MILTON Keynes continued to edge their way towards Berks, Bucks and Oxon Premier League promotion. Chesham took a 3-0 lead but first half tries from Rob Matthews, Dan Pearson and Scott Aspinall together with a penalty and a conversion from Brian Purcell saw MK lead 25-3 at half time.

The second half saw City score tries from Dave Brown, Scott Aspinall (three), and there were three conversions. Chesham crossed the line for a converted try, but MK won 51-10. Next Saturday, City travel away to rivals Tadley. Bletchley were beaten 61-0 by Marlow in the Southern Counties North division, while Olney beat Biggleswade 43-22 in Midlands Two East (South.)

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club ladies finished fourth in the Alpha Trophy at Lee Valley. There were ten MMKAC runners in the annual Oakley 20mile race near Bedford, with Gary Blaber 27th. There were three MMKAC athletes at the Reading Half-Marathon as Tom Comerford came 94th.

TABLE TENNIS

GREENLEYS Monarchs lost 6-4 to MK Kingpins, which meant that MK Spinners were already Milton Keynes Table Tennis League champions even though they beat MK Walking Wounded 8-2. MK Sasaki ran out 9-1 winners over MK Powers to secure third place and MK Phoenix were beaten 8-2 by Greenleys Kings.

ICE HOCKEY

Flames burn MK Lightning hopes of a fairytale ending

BY SCOTT KIRK

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GUILDFORD Flames' powerplay units wrecked MK Lightning's hopes of finishing their season in the highest possible style with a 6-2 victory in the championship play-off final at Coventry Skydome on Sunday.

The Surrey side scored from four of their six spells with at least one extra skater to end Lightning's hopes in a game that was otherwise fairly even before a packed arena.

Lightning had beaten league champions Basingstoke Bison 2-1 in a penalty shoot-out in the semi-final at the arena the previous day.

However, the omens were not good going into the final as no team finishing outside the top four in the league – Lightning ended fifth – had ever lifted the play-off trophy.

The decisive moments came after Markku Tahtinen was ruled to have hooked Marcus Kristofferson in the 14th minute, which allowed Kevin Phillips to crash the puck at Skinnis after 16 minutes to make it 1-0.

Defending five on three after 16 minutes, Lightning's defence cracked with Kralj scoring Flames' second goal at 18 minutes.

Life got even tougher when Tom Duggan made it 3-0 after half an hour.

There was a glimmer of hope before the second buzzer with Frankie Bakrluk finishing off from Jordan Cownie and James Griffin on 38 minutes.

Danny Meyes put Flames 4-1 up after 51 minutes but Michael Farn responded to make it 4-2 two minutes later.



Finalists: MK Lightning did well to reach the English Premier League playoff final on Sunday.

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ed to make it 4-2 two minutes later.

Within 19 seconds though Flames hit back with goal number five – Andrew Hemmings the scorer.

Flames registered their sixth strike by Ben Campbell on the powerplay at 56 minutes as Griffin was in the sin bin for delaying the game.

Despite the result Lightning can hold their heads high. Two weeks before many fans doubted whether they

would make the finals weekend. To not only do that but reach the final was something to be proud of.

The previous day Lightning shocked Bison with a tenacious performance sealed by Bobby Chamberlain's penalty shoot-out strike after the teams were tied 1-1 at the end of overtime.

Leigh Jamieson, who put Lightning ahead on 46 minutes, was voted man of the match, but for many MK support-

ers the accolade should have gone to goalie Dean Skinnis.

He kept Lightning in the game in the first 10 minutes as his teammates made a slow start. But once they got into their stride there was little to choose between the two teams.

Lightning went on to win the match in a shoot-out, but they couldn't repeat the trick on the Sunday as the curtain fell on the season.

FORMULA ONE

Ricciardo had a 'good race' and finishes in points

DANIEL Ricciardo took his second fourth-place finish in a row in Sakhrir as Daniil Kvyat roared from a 15th place start to finish seventh in an action-packed Bahrain Grand Prix.

Ricciardo's race was aided before the lights went out for the start as Sebastian Vettel's Ferrari developed a problem on the formation lap.

But it wasn't all plain sailing for Ricciardo and when the race got underway, he didn't make the best start and was passed by Williams' Valtteri Bottas, who made a good getaway. But Ricciardo clipped the back of Bottas' car and sustained front wing damage.

Despite the wing issue Ricciardo stayed out until lap six and he used the pace of his new tyres to claim P4 on lap 17. Having bounced back from his early setbacks, Ricciardo set about cementing himself in to fourth place.

"The damage didn't affect me too



In action: Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo on the track at the Bahrain Grand Prix

much and we had a good race," he said.

"It was a little lonely towards the end but there were some decent points scored."

If Ricciardo's race was about managing the pace to those behind, Kvyat's race was about steady progress through the order in the early stages on soft tyres followed by two aggressive stints on the supersoft in the closing stages.

Kvyat said: "It was quite difficult in the beginning but I would say the race went very well considering where we started from."

"It was a really good wheel to wheel race, which I think is good for TV and I'm really happy to have been involved in that action. I leave here with the glass half full."

Team principal Christian Horner added: "A great performance from both drivers today."

MOTORSPORT

Turney sets event record in first race

WOBURN Sands driver Joe Turney finished second in round one of the Super One British Karting Championships in Rowrah, Cumbria.

Turney set the fastest lap in every race and the event record overall, which showed him as the serious contender for 2016 he was tipped to be by Karting Magazine.

Currently ranked fifth in the UK, Turney stepped up to Junior Max for 2016 and this was the first time he'd been at the track in this faster class.

This was a brilliant start to the season but with six more rounds there will be nothing left to chance and Turney will be working hard to be fully prepared for every round.

Motors TV televised this race and it will be screened in early April.

Turney's next race will be at Risington in Gloucestershire over the weekend of April 23 and 24.

How did Lightning do in play-off final?

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Action: MK Dons took on Wolves at stadiummk
Pictures by Andy Handley



Dons throw away lead

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MK DONS' Championship survival hopes were dealt a blow as they threw away a one goal lead to lose 2-1 at home to Wolves last night.

Karl Robinson made changes to the four most attacking players in the line-up for the game. It was a decision that seemed to pay immediate dividends when Carl Baker crossed the ball in and Kortney Hause turned it into his own net under the close attention of striker Nicky Maynard.

Dons led at half time but Wolves turned it around in the second half. George Saville rose highest to meet James Henry's cross in the 62nd minute and shortly after, Jack Price tapped the ball home to seal the victory for Wolves. Dons entertain inform Rotherham United on Saturday.

Potter believes Dons will stay up as season nears the end



We will survive: Darren Potter believes Dons can escape the drop

MK DONS' vice-captain firmly believes the club will escape Championship relegation.

Defeat to Fulham on Saturday was a blow to their hopes of avoiding the drop, but Darren Potter says his team have what it takes to survive.

"We've got a habit of not holding onto draws when we have draws and leads when we have leads," said Potter after the Fulham game.

"Fortunately there's another game on Tuesday so we've got to be positive.

"There are seven games to go so we can sit around and mope or we can move on, put

it to bed and concentrate on getting a victory. "We've got to keep going because if we dwell on things then it'll be too late.

"We can absolutely stay up. We've always had good team spirit at the club and the lads are always positive."

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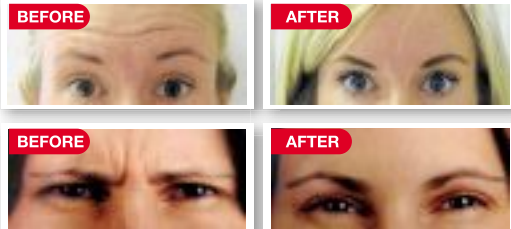
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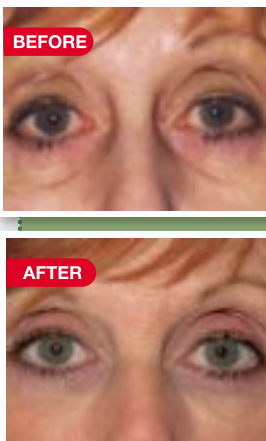
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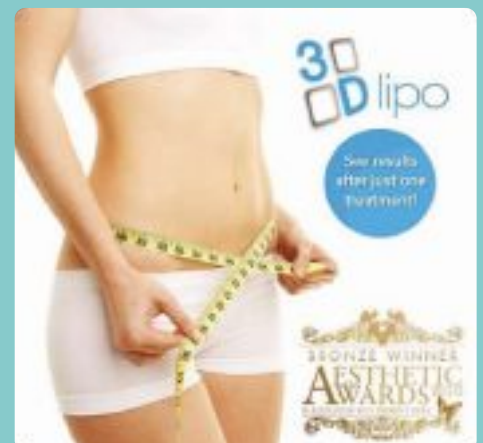
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